**Amendment to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (cancelled)
2. (cancelled)
3. (currently amended) A fiber comprising a mixture of at least two thermoplastic polymers each having different viscosities and wherein the mixture has an interfacial tension from 0.5 to 20 mN/m, wherein the mixture comprises a portion of the fiber surface, wherein the fiber is a bicomponent fiber of the sheath-core form and where at least one of the thermoplastic polymers is a polyolefin continuous phase, and at least one of the polymers in the mixture is a dispersed polymer in particulate form, and wherein the sheath has a thickness smaller than the average size of the particulates of dispersed polymer.
4. (original) The fiber of Claim 3 wherein the ratio of the viscosity of the first thermoplastic polymer to the viscosity of the second thermoplastic polymer is from 1.5 up to 10, or from 0.1 down to 0.05.
5. (cancelled)
6. (cancelled)
7. (cancelled)
8. (currently amended) The fiber of claim [~~7~~] 3 wherein the sheath comprises less than 20 percent by volume.
9. (cancelled)
10. (currently amended) The fiber of claim [~~6~~] 3 wherein the core comprises a propylene polymer.
11. (currently amended) The fiber of claim [~~6~~] 10 wherein the core comprises homopolymer propylene polymer.
12. (currently amended) The fiber of claim [~~9~~] 3 wherein the matrix polymer has a melting point at least 10°C or less than a melting point of the dispersed polymer.

13. (currently amended) The fiber of claim [~~9~~] 3 wherein the matrix polymer has a melting point and the dispersed polymer is amorphous and has a glass transition temperature ≤ 10°C than the melting point of the matrix polymer.

14. (currently amended) The fiber of claim [~~9~~] 3 wherein the matrix polymer in the sheath and the material which comprises the core each have viscosity within about 30 percent from each other.

15. (previously presented) The fiber of claim 3 wherein the mixture has a viscosity ≤ 170 Pa.s at 100 1/s at 250°C.

16. (currently amended) The fiber of claim [~~9~~] 3 wherein the dispersed polymer [~~is in particulate form, having~~] has an average thickness larger than 1 micron.

17. (cancelled)

18. (cancelled)

19. (currently amended) The fiber of claim [~~18~~] 3 wherein the dispersed particulate forms irregularities on the fiber surface.